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A RESOLUTION to honor Judge Barbara Haynes for her
exemplary service as chair of the Tennessee
Sentencing Commission.

WHEREAS, it is important for the members of this legislative body to recognize those
public servants who have given unreservedly of their time and talents for the betterment of
Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Judge Barbara Haynes is one such person whose leadership and insight as
chair of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission played an integral role in the reform of
Tennessee's Criminal Code; and

WHEREAS, composed of representatives of the state trial judges, general sessions
judges, district attorneys, defense attorneys, law enforcement, legislators and the administrative
branch, this industrious group of state leaders, at Judge Haynes' direction, spent three years
studying, talking to people from across the state and laboriously writing and revising the
statutes; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Isaac Litton High School, Judge Haynes graduated from the
University of Tennessee, where her many honors included being listed in Who's Who in
American Colleges and Universities; and receiving the Torchbearer and Mortar Board Awards;
and

WHEREAS, Judge Haynes earned her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Nashville School of Law, where she graduated second in her class and was a member of the prestigious Cooper's Inn for her academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, she began her exemplary legal career in 1977 as a partner in the law firm of Haynes and Haynes in Goodlettsville; in 1982, she became a General Sessions Judge for Davidson County, a position in which she executed her duties with firmness and a keen knowledge of the law for eight years, after which she was chosen Circuit Court Judge of Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, this highly respected member of Nashville's legal community has served with acumen as chair of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission since 1986; her experience and insight have led to many important reforms in Tennessee's criminal code; and

WHEREAS, thanks largely to Judge Haynes' efforts, Tennessee now has a modern code and sentencing structure which punishes an offender according to the seriousness of the offense and offenders according to their history of convictions for criminal offenses, helping to ensure equity and proportionality in sentencing; and

WHEREAS, the states' prisons are now run with sound management policies and not as a reaction to crisis; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon her, Judge Haynes still finds time to lend her many talents as a charter member of the Tennessee Women Forum; the League of Women Voters; as a charter member of Cable; the Nashville Political Caucus; the Leadership Nashville Alumni Association; the Friends of Children's Hospital; and the Friends of Cheekwood; and

WHEREAS, she is a member of the Nashville Bar Association's Legislative Committee, Tennessee Bar Association, American Bar Association, Tennessee Trial Lawyers, Association of Women Lawyers, National Association of Women Judges and the American Judicature Society; and

WHEREAS, Judge Haynes' contributions to the legal community are numerous, as evidenced by her being chosen President of the Tennessee General Sessions Judges in 1988. In 1991 she received the ACLU Freedom Award, the T-LAW Woman of the Year Award in 1989, was named a Fellow in the Tennessee Bar Association in 1992, named to the Harry Phillips Inn of Court in 1992, and received the 1993 IRIS Award - Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Judge Haynes was named a member of the board of the Girl Scouts Advisory Board and the Nashville Bar Association; she previously served on the board of the American Cancer Society, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the National Conference on Christians and Jews, and High Hopes; and

WHEREAS, her many honors and accolades aside, Judge Haynes is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her husband, Senator Joe Haynes; and

WHEREAS, she and Senator Haynes have received immeasurable joy from their children, Jeffery, Scott and Amanda; and

WHEREAS, their children and their respective spouses have been a great source of pride for the Haynes'; with Jeffery working as a Vice President with Trammell Crow Real Estate Company and together with his wife Lucy being the loving parents of the Haynes' three grandsons, Campbell, and twins Furman and Benjamin Haynes; Scott being an attorney with the law firm of Boulton, Cummings, Connors and Berry and his wife Fiona being with Maximus, Inc.; and Amanda being an attorney with the law firm of Trabue, Sturdivant and Dewitt, and her husband Stephen, an attorney with the Public Defender's Office; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of this body to honor those inimitable persons for their unflagging commitment, in service to the welfare and benefit of all Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Judge Barbara Haynes for her outstanding leadership as

chair of the Tennessee Sentencing Commission and wish her much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared and sent to Judge Haynes with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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